

CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A method for boarding a commercial airline flight, comprising the steps of:
determining denied boarding candidates for said flight;
comparing passenger data for said denied boarding candidates; and
selecting passengers for said flight using said passenger data.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein said passenger data comprises the frequent flyer status of the passenger.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein said passenger data is passenger financial data.
4. The method of claim 3, wherein said passenger financial data comprises the remaining flight ticket value of each denied boarding candidate.
5. The method of claim 3, wherein said passenger financial data comprises the rebooking cost of each passenger.
6. The method of claim 3, wherein said passenger financial data comprises passenger lifetime value data.

7. The method of claim 3, wherein said passenger financial data comprises re-accommodation data.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein said denied boarding candidates are volunteers.

9. The method of claim 1, wherein said denied boarding candidates are involuntary.

10. The method of claim 1, wherein said comparing step comprises the application of a set of rules.

11. The method of claim 10, wherein said rules comprise arranging said passengers according to a descending revenue impact to the airline.

12. The method of claim 10, wherein said rules comprise arranging said passengers according to passenger frequent flyer status.

13. The method of claim 10, wherein said rules require arranging said passengers according to passenger lifetime value data.

14. A system for boarding a commercial airline flight, comprising:
means for storing passenger data; and
comparing means for comparing passenger data for denied boarding candidates and for selecting passengers for said flight from said denied boarding candidates according to the passenger data.
15. The system of claim 14, wherein said passenger data is passenger financial data.
16. A machine readable storage having stored thereon a computer program having a plurality of code sections executable by a machine for causing the machine to perform the steps of:
determining denied boarding candidates for said flight;
comparing passenger data for said denied boarding candidates; and
selecting passengers for said flight using said passenger data.
17. The machine readable storage of claim 16, wherein said passenger data comprises the frequent flyer status of the passenger.
18. The machine readable storage of claim 16, wherein said passenger data is passenger financial data.

19. The machine readable storage of claim 18, wherein said passenger financial data comprises the remaining flight ticket value of each denied boarding candidate.

20. The machine readable storage of claim 18, wherein said passenger financial data comprises the rebooking cost of each passenger.

21. The machine readable storage of claim 18, wherein said passenger financial data comprises passenger lifetime value data.

22. The machine readable storage of claim 18, wherein said passenger financial data comprises re-accommodation data.

23. The machine readable storage of claim 16, wherein said comparing means comprises rules for making said comparison.

24. The machine readable storage of claim 23, wherein said rules comprise arranging said passengers according to a descending revenue impact to the airline.

25. The machine readable storage of claim 23, wherein said rules comprise arranging said passengers according to passenger frequent flyer status.

26. The machine readable storage of claim 23, wherein said rules require arranging said passengers according to passenger lifetime value data.